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In the Claims

1-29 (canceled)

- 30 (currently amended). An isolated and purified polypeptide comprising the -a contiguous span of at least six amino acids of SEQ ID NO:NO: 29.
- 31 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 30, comprising a contiguous span of at least 40 amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 29.
- 32 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said amino acids include position 293 of SEQ ID NO: 29 and wherein position 293 is aspartic acid.
- 33 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said amino acids include position 293 of SEQ ID NO: 29 and wherein said 293 is glycine.
- 34 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said amino acids include position 963 of SEQ 1D NO: 29 and wherein position 963 is glycine.
- 35 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said amino acids include position 963 of SEQ ID NO: 29 and wherein said position 963 is glutamic acid.
- 36 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said amino acids include position 969 of SEQ ID NO: 29 and wherein position 969 is leucine.
- 37 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said amino acids include position 969 of SEQ ID NO: 29 and wherein position 969 is methionine.

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- 38 (new). An isolated and purified polypeptide comprising a fragment of the RBP-7 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 29, wherein said fragment is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, or 28.
- 39 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 5.
- 40 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 6.
- 41 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 7
- 42 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 8.
- 43 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 9.
- 44 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 10.
- 45 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 11.
- 46 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 12.

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- 47 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 13.
- 48 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 14.
- 49 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 15.
- 50 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 16.
- 51 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 17.
- 52 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 18.
- 53 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 19.
- 54 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 20.
- 55 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 21.
- 56 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 22.

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- 57 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 23.
- 58 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ 1D NO: 24,
- 59 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 25.
- 60 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 26.
- 61 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 27.
- 62 (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 38, comprising the RBP-7 amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO: 28.
- 63. (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 30, wherein said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 29.
- 64. (new). The isolated and purified polypeptide according to claim 63, wherein said polypeptide is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising nucleotides 442 to 4377 of SEQ ID NO: 4.